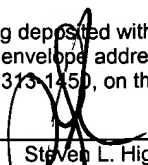




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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE DATED JULY 13, 2004**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non Compliance dated July 13, 2004 for which the date for response was August 13, 2004.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to October 13, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTXC"666US/SLH.

**Amendments** begin on page 2 of this response; **Remarks** begin on page 3.